

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

There is provided an information recording apparatus and so on capable of preventing illegally copied recording information from being reproduced even if recording information is illegally copied from an information recording medium to another information recording medium without being decoded. The cutting apparatus C1 comprises a substitute information generator 17 for generating substitute information Scg by using identification information Sid unique to each DVD in which the recording information is to be recorded, a substitute information writer 3 for generating substituted data signal Sdr by substituting the substitute information Scg for part of the recording information, and a light modulator 6 for recording the generated substituted data signal Sdr in a DVD which corresponds to the identification information Sid used for the generation of the substitute information Scg.